23rd December 1949]

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, as Leader of the House, I submit we are in duty bound to acknowledge with thanks the courtesy, the honour shown to you as President of this House, and in so doing, I should record with pleasure the following resolution :—

'*that this House records with great pleasure its deep appreciation of the honour done to its President by the reception accorded to him by both Houses of the Legislature of Bihar and requests the President to convey its thanks to the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Bihar.*'

In moving this resolution, I am very mindful of the honour done to us. If such cordial relations of friendship and recognition are kept within the various members that constitute the Union, it will certainly go a great deal to strengthen the Union in the discharge of its functions, in this country and also enhance the reputation of our Legislatures, both of the Provinces and of the Union, as a whole. Appreciating it as we do, I request the House to accord its sanction for passing this resolution."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Mr. President, Sir, on behalf of the Opposition, I have great pleasure in associating myself and the Opposition with the views expressed by the Hon. Leader of the House. In seconding this resolution, I feel that we are proud that such an honour has been done to the august gentleman who has occupied the Chair of this House with honour and dignity. In you, Sir, we find a person who can with dignity and honour occupy the Chair of any Legislature in the World. You have kept the dignity of this House not only here, but also when you went there, and you have proved to be a person who can be honoured. That honour, Sir, as you have rightly stated, is an honour, through you to the whole House, and to the members of this House; not only to the members of this House, but to the whole Province; not only to this Council, but to the Assembly as well. Therefore, it is but right and it is in the fitness of things that this Council should express its gratitude for the courtesy and respect shown to you by both the Houses of Legislature of Bihar. I am very glad to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House and in seconding this resolution on my behalf and on behalf of the Opposition." 12 noon.

The resolution was then passed *nem con.*

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS MERGED STATES (LAWS) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 44 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill*[a], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 44 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration.*'

Sir, after August 1949, when the complete merger of the States of Pudukkottai, Banganapalle and Sandur has taken place, every

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 924–935 infra.

legislation passed by this House—by the Legislature—would apply to these three States. After the instruments of merger were signed, various Central Laws were made applicable to the merged States under the Extra Provincial Jurisdiction Act, 1947. But enactments so applied are in law distinct from those passed in this Province. The Government of India considered that the continuation of this position after August 1949 is anamolous and unsatisfactory and have advised us that it is desirable to make by proper legislation that certain Acts would be applicable to these States. They have undertaken legislation in regard to all central laws which are of concurrent jurisdiction. About a week ago, the Central Legislature have passed certain Acts which would be applicable to the merged States. They want that the Provincial laws must also be applicable to these States on the same day. So, we thought of making such Acts applicable to these States as are necessary. After getting that communication from the Government of India and even before that, we have been examining the various pros and cons of applying the Acts taking into considerations the conditions obtaining in these States. We have also consulted the Collectors concerned and the Revenue Board, and have come to the conclusion that certain Acts, in regard to which our examination is complete, must be made applicable to these States and have accordingly included them in the Schedule in the Bill before you. The Central Act has been already passed and it is to come into effect on the 1st January 1950. We too want to make our Acts applicable to these States on the same date, viz., the 1st January 1950."

MR. PRESIDENT:—" The question is—

'that the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 44 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration.' "

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were then separately put and carried.

The First Schedule and the Second Schedule were separately put and carried.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—" Sir, I move—

'that the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 44 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be passed into law'."

MR. PRESIDENT:—" The question is—

'that the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 44 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be passed into law'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.